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Dear Friend,

At the heart of Ontario’s child care system are the early childhood educators who support families. They make a difference in children’s lives every day.

That is why the Ministry of Education created the Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence – to recognize outstanding educators in Ontario.

This year, to recognize the unique role that registered early childhood educators play in supporting children and families, I am delighted to introduce two new awards: Early Childhood Educator of the Year and Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year.

To date, we have honoured a total of 126 recipients. They have amazing stories to tell – and they go back to their communities energized and motivated to support more children and families. I am hoping you will help to continue building that energy.

Our nomination deadline for this year is February 6, 2012.

You can help us promote the awards by:

- Sharing this information within your community.
- Joining our online conversations at Facebook.com/ONteachingawards and Twitter.com/OntarioEDU.
- Distributing and posting promotional materials. You can find the nomination form and promotional materials at ontario.ca/teachingawards. More materials are on the way.

Thank you for promoting the Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Yours truly,

Laurel Broten
Minister